

GOLF CART REGULATIONS COMPARISON OF VILLAGE AND STATE ORDINANCES

Type of Regulation	Village Ordinance	State Law (Section 316.212, F.S.) ¹
1. Drivers License	Requires a driver's license to operate a golf cart.	Anyone over the age of 14 can operate a golf cart
2. Hours of Operation	Between the hours of sundown and sunrise golf carts can be operated if such carts have headlights and a windshield.	Requires that golf carts that are operated between the hours of sundown and sunrise have headlights, <u>brake lights</u> , <u>turn signals</u> , and a windshield.
3. Golf Cart Street Signage	Ordinance is silent	Requires that signs be posted on streets where golf carts are permitted.
4. Signage on Golf Cart	On sign, max. 2 sq. ft.	Ordinance is silent
5. Number of Passengers	Prohibits carrying more passengers than those for which the golf cart was designed.	Attorney general has provided that local governments can not adopt more restrictive operational requirements.
6. Safety Equipment	Requires efficient brakes; reliable steering apparatus; safe tires; rear view mirrors; red reflectorized warning devices, both in the front and the rear; <u>rear stop lamps meeting the minimum standards of F.S. §316.234(1); turn signals meeting the minimum standards of F.S. § 316.234(2); and safety belts.</u>	Requires golf carts to have efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear. The Attorney General has provided that additional equipment requirements by a local government are not permitted.
7. Annual Inspection	Requires an annual inspection of the golf cart to ensure that the golf cart equipment is installed and operated properly and a permit is required.	Attorney General has provided that a mandatory inspection and registration program to ensure compliance with equipment requirements in State law is not permitted.
8. More Stringent Ordinance	Ordinance is silent.	State law provides that a local government can adopt more stringent ordinances for operation and equipment for golf carts driven by unlicensed drivers.

¹ The definition of a golf cart used in this section is “a motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes,” which is the same definition used in the Village Code.